

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Objected to Claims 6-8, 14, 20-22 and 28 have been amended to overcome the informalities identified by the Examiner.

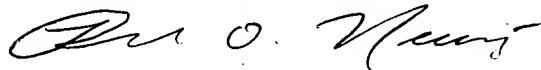
Claim 29 has been amended to claim an invention other than that of claim 24 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,489,908.

Claims 1-3, 5, 15-17, 19, 23-25, 30 and 31 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5, 13-15, 17-20, 25 and 26, respectively, of Panasik. Claims 4, 6-14, 18, 20-22 and 26-28 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Panasik in view of Jambhekar et al (US 5,742,894).

By this amendment, Applicants submit herewith a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

Claims 1-31 stand allowable over the references of record. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,



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